

Ohio Military Kids

Purpose

As part of the Ohio 4-H program, Ohio Military Kids supports youth of military families. Using a variety of strategies, OMK programs aim to develop youth who are resilient when confronted with the challenges of military life and grow from their experiences. Programs include youth and teen camps, family camps, and 4-H clubs at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. OMK works with many community partners around the state to enhance efforts to support military youth.

Impact

Military youth live in every county in Ohio. Since 9/11, thousands of military youth have experienced a parent's deployment; many have experienced it multiple times.

Parents and children alike state that the opportunity to meet others who share the experience of being in a military family is what they like best about participating in OMK programs.

Military teens' involvement has created a desire to give back, manifested in their service as camp counselors and teen leaders. This increased leadership role further contributes to their skill development and growth.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

College of Food, Agricultural, and
Environmental Sciences
OSU Extension
4-H Youth Development

Community Partners Involved

Ohio National Guard
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
USO of Central and Southern Ohio
Ohio 4-H Foundation
Additional organizations
throughout Ohio



How you can get involved:

- **Volunteer:** Volunteers are always welcome!
- **Collaborate:** Seeking collaborations in the 4-H mission mandate areas of health, STEM, and citizenship.
- **Additional Funding:** All events and activities are funded solely through grants and donations.

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